Samachar of January 20, 1993 captioned "Shareerik shoshan kar rahi hei police";

(b) if so, the number of such cases of atrocities by police on SCs/STs and Adivasis in custody or otherwise, including cases of rape by policemen which have come to Government's notice during 1992-93 and the comparative figure for 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to effectively curb such crime police and security personnel particularly custody crime committed on persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 'Police' being a State subject registration, investigation detection and prevention of crimes is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and action is taken by them to enquire into such allegations whenever they come to notice and punish those who may be found guilty. Details of such cases are not compiled at the Central Government level. The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Government from time to time to take effective steps to check excesses by police. Guidelines have also been issued regarding treatment of women in custody.

Consequences of mob mentality

4197. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mob mentality has increased to dangerous proportions in the Country leading to frequent disturbances, riots, dislocation of normal life and traffic chaos throughout the Country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take to send message across the country against the dangers posed by the mob mentality in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The dangers posed by the mob mentality is a matter of concern. The Government, however, is determined to effectively curb and control the menace and have taken a series of steps to give clear signal that the mob will not be allowed to take law into their own hands and that the Government will do everything possible to maintain rule of law.

Militants run parallel legal system

4198. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Times of India of February 27, 1993, under the heading "Militants run parallel legal system";

(b) whether it is a fact that the Shariat Boards set up by the militants in Kashmir valley now adjudicate cases, intervene in the disputes and award decrees;

(d) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.